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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces 2011 Media Award winners

This is the second Media Award for three of the five winners

WINNIPEG, Manitoba - Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada, Canada's global voice against child sexual exploitation, announced the winners of its 9th annual Media Awards today. The awards honour journalists and filmmakers for exemplary coverage of child sexual exploitation.

"Our winners have produced outstanding work on issues related to child sexual exploitation," says Rosalind Prober, president of Beyond Borders. "The fact that we are welcoming back three past winners is an example of the media's continued commitment to covering these important issues."

Daphne Bramham of The Vancouver Sun won in the English print category for her series *Polygamy in Canada: The ongoing saga*. The six stories look at life in polygamous communities as the B.C. Supreme Court debates polygamy's constitutional reference and polygamous leader Warren Jeffs is convicted of child sexual assault in Texas. Bramham won a Media Award in 2004 for her series on child brides in Bountiful, B.C.

Kathleen Frenette of the Journal de Québec won the French print award for her series *Cyberprédateurs*. The five articles expose how cyberpredators use social networking sites and personal pages to lure and groom their victims. Frenette won a Media Award in 2010 for *Voleurs d'enfance*.

Linden MacIntyre & Neil Docherty of the fifth estate won the English electronic award for their documentary *Betrayal*, about the consequences child sexual abuse has had for survivors, their communities, and the Catholic Church in Nova Scotia.

Raymonde Provencher of Macumba Films won the French electronic award for *Grace, Milly, Lucy ... des fillettes soldates*, a documentary about three girls who were forcibly recruited into a Ugandan rebel army and suffered repeated sexual and physical abuse. The documentary aired on Télé-Québec. Provencher first won in 2008 for *Le déshonneur des Casques bleus*.

Lisa Mayor of Lakehead University won the English student award for *Polygamous leaders welcome RCMP probe*, an article published in The Argus about child brides and sexual abuse in Canadian and American polygamous communities.

There were no submissions in the French student award category.

The winners will receive their awards on November 21 at a ceremony in Winnipeg. The event will feature a performance by award-winning band Eagle and Hawk and a keynote address by Beyond Borders co-founder Mark Erik Hecht. Hecht will tell of how two ordinary citizens, Canadian Sylvia McEachern and Belgian Lieve Halsberghé, teamed up to ensure convicted pedophile Eric Dejaeger did not escape facing new charges of child sexual abuse.

About Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada is a national non-profit organization that advances the rights of children to be free from sexual exploitation. It is the Canadian representative of ECPAT International, which operates in 75 countries around the world. Visit beyondborders.org for more information as well as a full list of media awards nominees.